presents to you...

URGENT

WE ARE URGENTLY HIRING THESE POSITIONS:

姫とナイトと、となりの私。

二粒の恋涙

せつなさ必至の
連載第2回

いつか私にもナイトが――
と夢見ていた頃。
でも、好きになった人には
すでに別の「お姫様」がいて…。

君が「大丈夫」って
言ってくれたから。

私は笑っていられるんだよ。

朱神宝 Takara Akagami Presents

"You've
already
promised
you'd never
leave me"

"So i
l die ——"

NT
Sigh
"It will be Sousuke's fault"
GASP
PANT...
...PANT
...PA
THUMP

"By my side —"
CLENCH
I DON'T NEED THIS KIND OF FEELING
CULTURAL FESTIVAL
A PLAY "ROMEO AND JULIET"
ROMEO - SOUSUKE KUJOU
JULIET - HIDEAKI MIYAKE
MERCUTIO .
WHY IS HIDEAKI PLAYING JULIET
IN THE PLAY FOR THE CULTURE FESTIVAL ALTHOUGH IT'S FINE THAT SOUSUKE-KUN IS ROMEO
Hey
KAEDE!!
WHAT?

There's no point telling me that...
Sousuke-kun
ba-dump
Y-YEAH?
I'm telling you
Aoy
SOUSUKE?!
THE GIRLS ARE FIGHTING SEE
5
SO-
SOUSUKE-KUN, YOU'RE PLAYING ROMEO RIGHT?!
YUP
DO YOUR BEST
Key
It's impossible... for me
to speak naturally
CLENCH...
GOT IT
SOUSUKE - WE HAVE REHEARSAL AFTER SCHOOL
Make sure you come to the rehearsal!

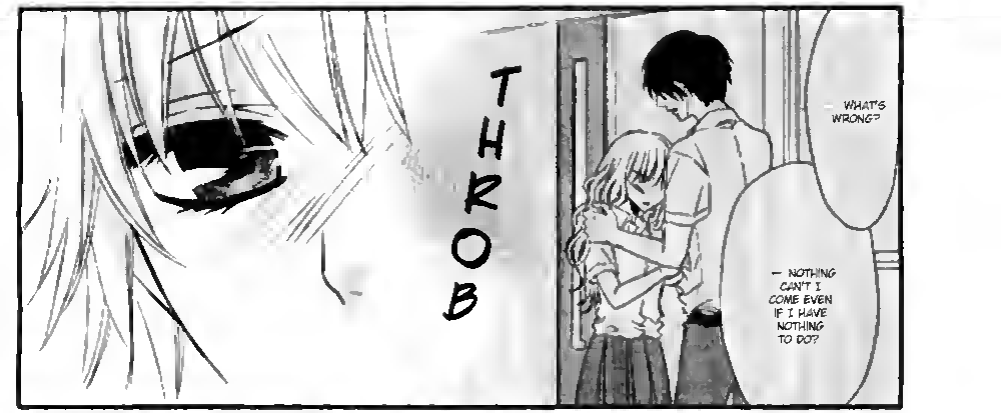
Surely
"I don't see her that way as well"
Sousuke-kun doesn't care does he
WHAT!?
YOU'RE TOO STUBBORN!!
YOU CAN'T JUST MAKE TWO WAY TRIPS LIKE THIS
YOU'RE GONNA SEND RIN-CHAN HOME AND THEN COME FOR REHEARSAL
IT'S FINE
... IT'S FINE
THEN, I'LL LET YOU HAVE YOUR WAY AND TAKE HER HOME IN YOUR STEAD
CLATTER

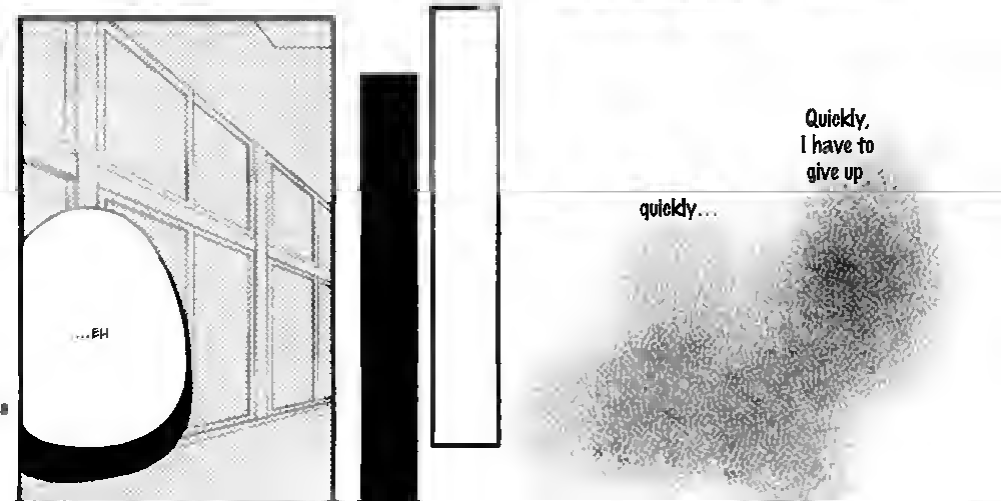
REALIZES

SIGH
KAEDE-CHAN WHAT DO YOU THINK!?
EH?
You'll regret this
I GET IT—— FINE!! GO AHEAD AND RUIN YOURSELF
Ah, — man
AH
SILENCE

CATTER
ABOUT THIS, RIN-CHAN IS MORE IMPORTANT ISN'T SHE?
This is painful

stare
SOUSUKE
RIN


THROB
— WHAT'S WRONG??
— NOTHING CAN'T I COME EVEN IF I HAVE NOTHING TO DO?


...EH
Quickly, I have to give up
quickly...

CAN YOU PLEASE BE SOUSUKE'S PRACTICE PARTNER?
Since I'll be busy
THEREFORE INSTEAD OF ME
Hideaki-kun
AND HE'S HARD TO UNDERSTAND, BUT...
HE PUTS ON AIRS SOMETIMES
IN ORDER TO NOT RUIN THE PLAY FOR THE REST OF THE CLASS
SINCE HE HAS TO SEND RIN BACK HOME HE PRACTICES BY HIMSELF ON A DAILY BASIS
I.S. THAT SO?
LE-
LEAVE IT TO ME
GRIPS
Come on? Please!
I must give up on him
... but

I'm
an
idiot...
HEY
AH
ASAKURA-SAN, YOU'RE NOT LEAVING?
Ah
I'M SUPPOSED TO BE YOUR PRACTICE PARTNER AS A SUBSTITUTE FOR HIDEAKI-KUN
SO... SORRY, I'M UNRELIABLE AREN'T I
Ah...
— AH, THAT'S NOT IT

HOW ABOUT WE START
"AH IT'S QUITE BEAUTIFUL"
GO ON
REACHES
ROMEO AND JULIET JOIN HANDS
DON'T WORRY IT'S JUST ACTING
.....
blushes
AT THIS RATE, HE'LL KNOW I HAVE FEELINGS FOR HIM
peeks

this is normal
It's only acting, just act normal
... great, he's concentrating
REACHES
So...
ba-dump
ba-dump
Inhales
touches

S-SORRY
IT'S OKAY
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT
My hand!!
PULLS BACK

NEXT IS...
rustle
That's... right
I'm the only one who's shaken

rustle
rustle
huh
I WONDER WHERE WERE WE
Perhaps
we feel the same way?
cough

SQUEEZE...
AH.
...no...
I can't do this
IT'S GETTING DARK. I'LL SEND YOU BACK
NO IT'S OK!!
ba-dump
ba-dump
ba-dump
...AS A GUY I CAN'T LET YOU WALK HOME ON YOUR OWN...
Even though I'm not supposed to feel this way anymore
THA
THANKS

TAKERU-KUN, SHALL WE WELCOME HIM HOME?
OTO-CHAN
OKAA-CHAN- IS OTO-CHAN HOME -?
WELL...
... NO PROBLEM
RATTLE
AH... OKAA-SAN I'M HO--
... SO IT'S JUST YOU
IT'S FINE EVEN IF YOU DON'T COME HOME

...AH
Sousuke-kun saw that!!
ASAKURA-SAN, JUST NOW...
SLAM
gasp
I didn't want him to know...
...no
that I'm hated by my family
If I'm hated by Sousuke-kun
No way... What should I do
IT'S NOT WHAT YOU THINK
IT'S NOT...

Sousuke-kun
You can't say that . .
IT'S ALRIGHT
DON'T WORRY ABOUT ANYTHING ELSE

R
R
R
R
R
R
R
... AH
!!?
If you're so nice to me

LETS GO
sli

What am I doing? Even though Sousuke-kun already has Rin-chan
... AH YOUR PHONE
IF IT'S RIN-CHAN YOU'D BETTER LEAVE SOON
See
SEE YOU THEN

SLAMS
WHY
EVEN THOUGH I HAVE TO GIVE UP ON HIM
IT'S IMPOSSIBLE
How can I give up on him...
SOUSUKE-KUN...

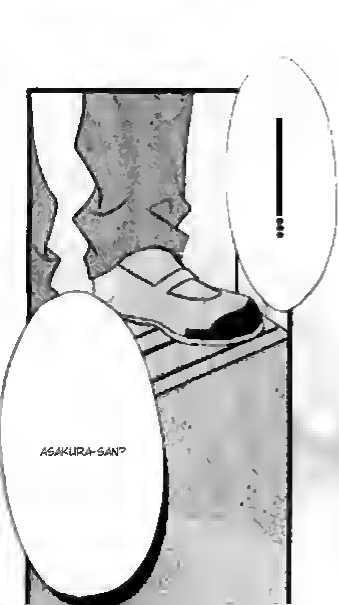
Sousuke-kun
Where are you right now?
I'm lonely, come see me
Sousuke?
Are you listening?
At long last
RAISE
Are you abandoning me again?

Just like what happened 3 years ago
"Sousuke, let's go home together"
"I have a date with my girlfriend today
next time"
"Rin!!"
It's Sousuke's fault
I'M COMING
NOW

TA-DA, LOOK KAEDE!
WE BORROWED THIS COSTUME FROM THE DRAMA CLUB IT'S JULIET'S
Although, it's a bit worn-out.
IT'S NO USE TO HIDEAKI, SO WHY DON'T YOU TRY IT ON FIRST!?

IT'S FINE, IT'S FINE. JUST WEAR THIS AND TRY TO PRACTISE
BUT I'M JUST A STAND-IN FOR HIDEAKI-KUN
Aren't you rehearsing with Sousuke-kun today as well!?
I WONDER IF IT'S OKAY TO PRACTISE WITH HIM WHEN I HAVEN'T GIVEN UP ON HIM

SOUSUKE, WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?
Sousuke-kun and Hideaki-kun...?
THUMP
YOU SAID YOU WANT TO STOP PRACTISING WITH KAEDE-CHAN!!
...Eh, is that so
Was I bad at it? No, perhaps I was too gloomy yesterday
...
...
SOUSUKE YOU
IT'S ABOUT TIME TO MOVE ON FROM WHAT HAPPENED 3 YEARS AGO



being a substitute princess without a knight is enough, isn't it

But for me

This voice
Sousuke-kun
... WHY, THE DRESS
SO-SORRY
I THOUGHT THAT SOUSUKE-KUN ISN'T COMING, SO I PLAYED JULIET BY MYSELF
UM... SINCE IT'S THE BALCONY SCENE... AND
Stop
I don't want to meet him right now

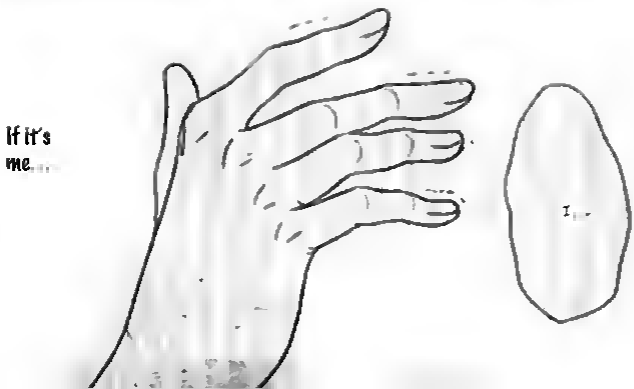
"JULIET
DON'T BE SHY, SHOW ME YOUR FACE"
"I'D SOON
THROW AWAY JUST ABOUT EVERYTHING AND TO GO THE EXTENT OF RUNNING AWAY WITH YOU...
I LOVE YOU"

"I will throw away just about everything"
"I love you"
such dream-like words
HOW
!!

CRYING IS SO SLY
SQUEEZE
EVEN THOUGH AFTER PAINSTAKINGLY ENDING THESE REHEARSALS
I WANTED TO GIVE UP ON YOU
SOU SUKE-KU
SLY

ba-
dump
ba-
dump
I
TO
ASAKURA-SAN
Sousuke-kun
don't say

such things...
I THINK IT WAS 3 YEARS AGO
YOU'RE NOT AT FAULT FOR WHAT HAPPENED TO HER
ARE YOU STILL ATONING FOR THAT?


If it's me...
I...
I accidentally found out

It's impossible
PUSH
SO... SORRY

That's not it
I don't
BECAUSE OF RIN...?
have any confidence
That kind of frail person
Hey, Sousuke-kun...
Am I really good enough?
AFTER ALL...
Can I accept Sousuke-kun's wrongdoing and Rin-chan's injury?
Even though I've finally stood up for myself

I wonder
if I'm worth it...
IT... IT'S IMPOSSIBLE
... IS THAT SO
I WAS CERTAIN THAT... YASAKURA-SAN ALSO...
AH
... I'M GOING AHEAD
... since it's okay

I am
running
away
don't
go
"It's alright"
cannot be
said
anymore
Out of
my own
will
I've
let go of
my own
knight...